

CASE STUDY

Cooker Replacement

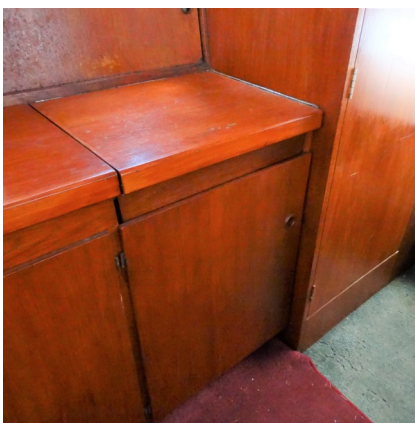
If the cooker unit on your boat requires attention, after checking and cleaning: gas jets, burner caps and burner rings, you may need to replace the whole unit. (NB work on gas units should be carried out by a qualified engineer.)

We had to replace the cooker on our Birchwood 25 about 7 years ago as it did not pass that year's Safety exam. We were offered a second-hand unit by the chandlery in our marina but it was not to our taste. I shopped around and even talked to a client (at the time) who owned a factory in Turkey making domestic cookers. He didn't have anything.

I searched on line and eventually selected a unit that the measurements stated would fit into the cooker recess on 'Wild Garlic'. This was a Spinflo Nelson 2 Burner Hob Marine Cooker. It was readily available from Jones Boatyard in St Ives on the River Great Ouse in Cambridgeshire.

Featuring a thermostatically controlled oven, 2 burner hob and independent grill, the Spinflo Nelson 2 Burner Hob Marine Cooker is built from stainless steel and features a stylish glass oven door with locking latch to stop the door opening. (See pic)

We paid £465 and a further £135 to have it fitted by a registered gas engineer. He left the door off and removed the hinged panel from the worktop as he said the unit didn't fit back into the recess. Not a look we wanted. (The pic left shows what we had and wanted.) (This houses the oven unit on the right.)



I undid the retaining screws and pushed the unit back until the door could be closed. I was careful of the rubber gas pipe and fixed the screws back into place.



I fitted a vent at the back to act as a reflector. (Seen in the pic below) This is a standard vent available from any chandlery, bent to fit.



The hobs are used on each visit to the boat and the cooker usually when we cruise for more than two days. It has proved a good investment.